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Unitary shipments -----

August up 15.2%, year up 4.2%

ARLINGTON, Va. -- Combined U.S. shipments of unitary air conditioners and air source heat pumps for 1988 reached the 3 million mark in August and set a monthly record of 364,304, according to ARI statistics. Since July 1986, unitary shipments have established records in 25 of the last 26 months.

Heat pump shipments, however, dropped 7.1% compared to August 1987, falling 6 percent behind last year's record pace. U.S. shipments of unitary air conditioners and heat pumps during August:

- o totalled 364,304,
- o up 15.2% from August 1987,
- o year-to-date total 3,018,195,
- o up 4.2% from January-August 1987.

Heat pump shipments included in the August figures:

- o totalled 61,647,
- o down 7.1% from August 1987,
- o year-to-date total 595,180,
- o down 6.0% from January-August 1987.

August factory stocks:

- o down 53,592 units from July,
- o down 16,841 units from August 1987.

August distributor shipments:

- o year-to-date shipments up 6%.

August distributor inventories:

- o up 53,675 units from August 1987.

August U.S. dollar bookings of reciprocating liquid chillers:

- o up 33% from August 1987,
- o year-to-date up 14%.

August U.S. dollar bookings of large tonnage liquid chillers:

- o up 31% from August 1987,
- o year-to-date up 10%.

(See reverse side for Condensed Summary by Size.)

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Unitary Heating and Cooling Section's Condensed Summary by Size of United States Manufacturers' Shipments

	SIZE BTUH (000)		UNITED STATES NUMBER OF UNITS CONDENSER-TYPE AIR OR EVAP. COOLED A	WATER COOLED B	U.S. TOTAL C	% CHG. FROM 1987
CONDENSED SUMMARY BY SIZE	Under 16.5		1617		1617	40.1-
	16.5-21.9		27060		27060	2.8-
	22-26.9		75607		75607	15.1+
	27-32.9		68018		68018	14.4+
	33-38.9		84642	95	84737	15.2+
	39-43.9		28069		28069	20.0+
	44-53.9		31217		31217	22.8+
	54-64.9		31532	184	31716	29.7+
	65-96.9		8231	83	8314	46.8+
	97-134.9		3850	95	3945	7.4+
	135-184.9		1957	45	2002	7.1-
	185-249.9		809	12	821	6.6+
	250-319.9		456	12	468	6.4+
	320-379.9		199	38	237	1.7-
	380-539.9		103	23	126	54.0-
	540-639.9		109	19	128	11.7-
	640 and over		209	13	222	5.2+
	TOTAL		363685	619	364304	15.2+